

(Editor's Note: Because of current force protection conditions, events and meetings listed in this issue of the Eifel Times are subject to change. Stay tuned to local American Forces Network radio and television for up-to-date information in the Eifel.)

## News briefs

### Family disaster fund

**LITTLETON, Colo.** - The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund announced it formed a World Trade Center/Pentagon Fund to assist federal families affected by Tuesday's tragic events.

Families needing assistance should call FEEA at 001-800-323-4140 or 011-303-933-7580.

Donations to the fund may be made via credit card by calling FEEA at 001-303-933-7580 or by sending a check to: FEEA World Trade Center/Pentagon Fund, 8441 W. Bowles Ave., Suite 200, Littleton, Colo., 80123-9501. Go to FEEA's Web site at [www.feea.org](http://www.feea.org) for more information on how to donate.

The FEEA Fund is the only non-profit, non-governmental agency whose sole mission is to provide educational and emergency financial assistance to civilian federal and postal employees.

### Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Spang Club for Spangdahlem Air Base housing residents in buildings 403-406 and 419-421. The meeting will discuss family moves because of scheduled renovations for these buildings. Moves take place during October and November. For more information, call Jo Cardenas, housing flight deputy chief, at 452-6036.

### Reflective belts

Effective today, wing safety reminds active-duty members they're required to wear reflective belts on their way to work and to home during hours of darkness or reduced visibility. Belts are issued through unit orderly rooms.

The 52nd Fighter Wing commander dress and appearance policy letter requires a reflective belt to be worn when walking during dusk, night or in limited visibility conditions. The belt will only be worn around the waist when in uniform. Any other wear is prohibited.

### Exercise

A Local Salty Nation Phase II exercise takes place Monday through Sept. 21 to help prepare for the upcoming NATO Tactical Evaluation.

As a result, the Consular Outreach Day

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Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

**Firefighters struggle to contain spreading fire after a hijacked commercial jetliner crashed into the Pentagon Tuesday. The Pentagon attack followed an attack on the twin towers of the New York World Trade Center in what has been called the worst terrorist attack in history.**

## DOD responds to Pentagon attack

Compiled from staff reports

The Department of Defense continued to respond to the Tuesday attack that occurred on the Pentagon at 9:38 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

As of press time, there were no casualty figures available. Injured people were taken to several area hospitals. Secretary of Defense Donald S. Rumsfeld expressed his concern for the families of those killed and injured during this shameful attack and directed operations from his command center in the Pentagon.

All people were evacuated from the building as emergency response members from the Department of Defense and surrounding communities responded to fire and medical emergencies. Initial estimates of the damage are significant; however, sections of the Pentagon reopened Wednesday. Alternate worksites for those affected parts of the building are currently being identified.

"Today (Tuesday) our nation suffered a terrible tragedy," said Dr. James Roche, Air Force secretary, and Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, in a joint statement following the attack. "Air Force men and women, active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, responded immediately and superbly across the globe.

"From our medical professionals who saved lives in the shadow of the Pentagon, to our airmen who launched from alert facilities, we

can be proud of our performance.

"As we respond, watch and wait, many of us are looking for ways to help. It is time for action. We implore you to visit your local Red Cross and on-base blood donor facilities and give blood.

"Finally and most importantly, our ardent prayers go out on behalf of the hundreds of families of our fellow comrades in arms, public servants and citizens who have perished during this tragedy. May we, as members of the United States Air Force, take the opportunity to serve our nation in any way. America's Air Force is on your wing and ready."

The Air Force mobilized medical critical care units, aeromedical evacuation teams, and critical incident stress management experts and other airlift assets in support of the president's activation of the National Disaster Medical System.

Expeditionary medical support teams were mobilized in response to the disasters. These teams are portable hospitals comprised of surgical teams, critical care capabilities and public health teams, among other specialties.

Additionally, the Air Force is assisting with the distribution of

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## Paving project results in detours next three weeks

Compiled from staff reports

Civil engineers warn Spangdahlem Air Base members to heed detours (Umleitung) next week as a result of paving projects.

As part of the base water distribution project, two crews will be paving Monday through Wednesday. During the

two-step project, the contractor will first grind up a section of old pavement from building 412 to 407 Monday and from 406-424 Tuesday. Actual paving begins from 412 to 407 Tuesday and then 406 to 424 Wednesday.

During the course of the work, CE asks

people not to park on the housing unit side of the street. People who will be on leave, TDY or out of the area during this time are asked to move their vehicles before leaving. Those who know of people already gone and unable to move their vehicle, CE asks them to notify construction management at 452-7214.

In addition, sections of Maxwell Avenue will be closed for the next three weeks to install the new water line. The contractor will move from the chapel end of Maxwell Avenue, past the gym, down to the intersection of Maxwell Avenue and Arnold Boulevard.

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blood supplies to the locations where they are most needed.

"As we've watched the events of the past 72 hours unfold, Americans, and indeed, world citizens everywhere have been riding an emotional roller coaster," said Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander.

"As members of the Eifel community, there are steps we can take to get through the crisis. First and foremost, maintain a calm, professional demeanor in all you do. Though it's natural to want to react immediately after events such as these, trust your nation's leadership — be assured every possible measure is being taken to protect our nation and its people both at home and abroad.

"Take care of each other, and yourselves. Use our outstanding family support and chapel programs. Have patience, especially with our security measures and the people carrying them out. There's no more important resource in the world than our people, and protecting every member of Team Eifel is worth the minor inconvenience that comes with increased security.

"Finally, be positive . . . as positive as you can for yourself, your children and your families. Although it's difficult, try to maintain as much of your daily routine as possible.

"Thanks for taking care of our mission, your families and each other. Please continue to pray for the victims, their families, America and its citizens — God bless."



Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

### Hail to the chief

Dr. James Roche, Air Force secretary, presents Gen. John Jumper with the chief of staff flag Sept. 6 during the change of command ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Finch (left) and Gen. Michael Ryan (rear) relinquishes command.

## Accidents

By Staff Sgt. Edward D. Paxton  
52nd Security Forces Squadron  
Reports and Analysis

**(Editor's note: The term airman in this article does not necessarily mean Air Force people in the grades E-1 through E-4, but a generic term for all Air Force members.)**

Eighteen Team Eifel members were involved in vehicle accidents in the past week, seven of which were major ones.

The first major accident occurred when an airman ran off the road and into a ditch adjacent to the Speicher government leased housing turn off. Investigation by Bitburg Polizei revealed her front passenger tire blew out, caused her to lose control.

The next happened on B-50 adjacent to the Spangdahlem traffic circle. Bitburg Polizei determined a Luxembourg national lost control of his motorcycle and struck an airman's vehicle. The LN was medivaced to the Trier Krankenhaus.

Another accident took place at the Beilengen exit when an airman attempted to make a U-turn and was struck on the passenger's side by a German national. Both vehicles were totaled, but there were no injuries.

Three other accidents were reported and it was determined the airmen were traveling too fast for road conditions.

The last accident occurred when a family member lost control of his vehicle. Investigation revealed he was driving under the influence.

There were eleven minor accidents involving:

- Three for speed too fast for road conditions.
  - Three occurred while backing.
  - Five were from inattentive driving.
- In addition, 26 citations were issued this past week.

Security forces reminds people to keep in mind the following tip identifying the only valid decals on USAEUR plated vehicles (as identified in U.S. Army, Europe, Regulation 190-1):

- Verification decal. The decal will have the same number as the plates.
- Temporary verification decal. The expiration date and license-plate number will be written on the decal
- Expiration decal. This decal shows the day, month, and year the permanent registration expires.
- Community decals. An additional measure of security may be attained through use of community decals.

■ International decals. An oval international "USA" decal (which the owner has to obtain) is required if the POV crosses international borders.

■ Smog decal. Indicates a vehicle may be operated during ozone alerts.

■ Handicap decal.

■ POL Authorization Decal. POL authorization decals are issued to drivers of leased vehicles when registered by authorized members of the U.S. forces.

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originally scheduled for Wednesday will be rescheduled for a later date.

Also, people should expect delays in entering and exiting both Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex.

### POW/MIA ceremony

A POW/MIA Day ceremony takes place Sept. 21. Events include a flag changing and wreath laying ceremony, inspirational readings, sentry duty, missing-man formation flyover, luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and a retreat ceremony. Times are still being finalized.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Rick Aldridge at 452-6501 Tech. Sgt. Sonny Gomez at 452-5631.

### DOD survey

The 52nd Fighter Wing has been asked by the Air Force Personnel Center to take part in the 2001 Department of Defense Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Military Personnel.

The Research Triangle Institute was contracted to conduct the survey of about 800 people from Spangdahlem AB beginning Sept. 24, according to Tech. Sgt. Troy Hendrix, 52nd Mission Support Squadron. For more information, call Hendrix at 452-6554.

### Court-martial

A judge sentenced Airman Scott A. Rose to 18 months confinement, a reduction to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge for drug offenses during a Sept. 7 general court-martial.

Rose, assigned to the 52nd Security Forces

Squadron, pleaded guilty to one specification each of possessing, using, distributing and attempting to import ecstasy into the United States as well as using marijuana.

The offenses occurred numerous times between Nov. 1, 2000, and May 22, 2001.

### Holiday greetings

Three Army and Air Force Hometown News Service broadcast teams record Holiday Greetings in September, with stops at 52nd Fighter Wing areas and deployed locations.

Holiday greetings are recorded video messages, from Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine service members and their families stationed overseas, which will air on more than 1,100 hometown television and cable outlets.

The greetings are also edited into radio spots that are sent to stations interested in receiving the free Hometown News information. All the greetings are sent to radio and TV stations based on the submitter's hometown ZIP code. Stations from their area that subscribe to Hometown News products receive the video and audio spots to air as a public service throughout the holidays.

Listed below is the 52nd Fighter Wing areas scheduled for visits by a team

■ Sept. 25: NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen (call Tech. Sgt. Darrin Booher at 02451-63-2276 or darrin.booher@geilenkirchen.af.mil)

■ Sept. 26: 8 a.m. to noon at Volk Air Base (call Senior Master Sgt. William Hubbart at 360-7218) and 1-4 p.m. at Klein Brogel Air Base (call Senior Airman Bethany Weathersbee at 366-6180, ext. 224)

■ Oct. 7-9: Spangdahlem AB (call Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer at 452-6833; Buechel Air Base members call Capt. Brian Hollomon at 452-7340, ext. 211)

# Red Cross rushes in with aid to U.S. following attacks

## Local chapter accepts donations

Compiled from staff reports

The American Red Cross continues to rush disaster relief and blood into the northeast and other areas around the country following Tuesday's catastrophic terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

"Immediately, the American Red Cross responded to these attacks, providing relief and taking steps to ensure an adequate supply of blood," said Catharine H. Johnson, Team Eifel Community American Red Cross station manager. "The Red Cross will continue to be there with comfort and care for the victims, their families, emergency workers and others affected by these tragedies during the weeks, months and even years that the recovery process will take."

The Red Cross is providing relief in all the affected areas and at airports around the country, including crisis counseling, shelter, blankets, food and beverages and much more for the thousands who are affected. Under the Federal Response Plan, the American Red Cross is designated to provide mass care for those in need. In the wake of these traumatic events lies a wide path of catastrophic psychological destruction in which countless victims will require assistance. Hundreds of Red Cross Disaster mental health workers are already at the scene of the disasters and will continue to be there, helping those affected with the emotional trauma.

On Tuesday, thousands of generous Americans across the country took time to give blood to save a life. Within the first six hours of these disasters, 700,000 people called to schedule an appointment at a Red Cross blood center.

The American Red Cross activated its Aviation Incident Response (AIR) Team to respond at crash sites in New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania, along with Boston, San Francisco and other points of origin or destination for the downed airplanes. The AIR Team is made up of leadership teams from Red Cross disaster relief functions including Disaster Mental Health Services and Mass Care, and is activated by the National Transportation Safety Board through the Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996. Red Cross chapters around the country are also offering assistance to travelers stranded at airports throughout the country.

As of press time, the Eifel Community American Red Cross and other American Red Cross stations in Europe are receiving calls of concerned peoples offering their support throughout the various American communities. Currently, the Eifel Community American Red Cross is reviewing options in support of serving the humanity so affected by this tragedy.

"Our efforts to eventually bringing Red Cross Disaster Training to the Team Eifel Community are now more heightened," Johnson said.

People who are trying to locate immediate family members in the affected areas should call Eifel Community American Red Cross at 452-9440 or 06565-61-9241. Those interested in becoming a Red Cross volunteer should also call the Eifel American Red Cross at the above numbers.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. To help the victims of this and other disasters, contributions can be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund by calling 001-800-HELP NOW. Internet users can make a secure online credit card contribution by visiting [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may also be sent to the local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington D.C., 20013.



Staff Sgt. Jack Myners and Airman 1st Class Chris Stuckey, 22nd Fighter Squadron weapons, set up for a functional check on a squadron F-16 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

## Unit returns from AEF tune-up

### Month in Nevada desert provides 22nd FS with key training opportunity

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

In a sort of practice run for its Air Expeditionary Force-9 deployment in December, the 22nd Fighter Squadron returned this week from two weeks of training in the exercise Red Flag 01-4 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The squadron also spent two weeks helping pilots train in the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School.

Since its inception in 1975, Red Flag has become the largest composite training exercise in the world. Typically, a Red Flag exercise involves a variety of attack, fighter and bomber aircraft, according to the Nellis AFB Red Flag Web site. This time, people and aircraft from throughout the Air Force, as well as the United Kingdom and Canada, embarked upon the Nevada skies to hone their deployed skills.

According to Capt. Chris Germann, 22nd FS pilot, the training is invaluable since a lot of the units deployed will be on the same AEF rotation.

Most of those deployed, including the 22nd FS, made up the "Blue" forces. Their job was to "attack" Nellis AFB range targets, such as mock airfields, vehicle convoys, tanks, parked aircraft, bunkered defensive positions and missile sites. These targets were defended by a variety of ground and air threats, the "Red" forces, to give participant aircrews the most realistic combat training possible, according to the Web site.

Each day of the exercise, the 22nd FS flew 16 Red Flag missions. These missions provided training the Stingers aren't able to get in Germany.

"At home when we try to have a large force exercise, we have to coordinate with all the different countries and it's tough to get people together," Germann said. "Even if everyone can get together, a lot of times the weather doesn't cooperate."

When a Large Force Employment does happen in Germany, pilots are flying against two to four "bad" guys as opposed to the 15-20 "bad" guys at Red Flag.

According to Germann, rules at Spangdahlem Air Base are also a little more restrictive than at Nellis AFB. For instance, pilots are only allowed to fly from 10,000-24,000 feet, so they are only looking for those "bad" guys in that 14,000 feet window. During Red Flag, Stinger pilots are able to fly from the surface to 50,000 feet, a practice which will get them accustomed to the format they'll encounter on an AEF.

Another benefit to the training is the 22nd FS pilots are able to engage chaff and flare, which helps defeat surface-to-air missiles. In Germany, they simulate using chaff and flare by pushing the buttons, but the system is turned off. Germann said it's vital for the "younger guys to actually see the stuff coming off the jet."

"Getting used to chaff and flare is important because that's what's going to save their lives," he said.

Germann, who has been to three Red Flag exercises, said even though each Red Flag has similar scenarios, the different players make each one unique - and beneficial.

"This is a great opportunity to teach everyone else here what we do, and what we can and can't do to support the fight," he said.







## Community Mailbox

### OCSC

The Officers and Civilians Spouses Club meets for lunch at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Spang Club. For reservations, call Lisa Larkin at 06575-903464 or Rebecca Hinton at 06575-959416 by noon today.

### Give Parents a Break

Free child care certificates through Give Parents a Break, good at child development centers or youth programs, are available from first sergeants and the family support center.

Friday care is 6:30-11:30 p.m. and Saturday care from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dates for the free care are:

- Today or Saturday at Spangdahlem Air Base locations
- Oct. 12 or 13 at Bitburg Annex locations
- Nov. 16 or 17 at Spangdahlem Air Base locations
- Dec. 14 or 15 at Bitburg Annex locations

### Toyland opens

Toyland opens Saturday in the Spangdahlem Air Base BXtra.

Various events take place throughout the day between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Santa Claus, Sparky the fire dog, Popeye and Olive Oil will be at the store to pass out candy to children. Several drawings take place, with a grand prize at 2 p.m.



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

### In the swing of things

Master Sgt. Kenneth McClure shows Michael Beck, a third-grade student teacher from Spangdahlem Elementary School, and 9-year-old Aaron Bassuth, a Bitburg Middle School student, the explosive ordnance disposal flight remote MK VI robot. EOD and many other base agencies took part in the base DODDS Orientation Day Sept. 6 in Hangar 1. The event is designed to welcome teachers and faculty after the summer break.

### Pre-teen lock-in

An all night pre-teen (ages 10-12) lock-in for youth activities cardholders takes place 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Saturday in the Spangdahlem AB Teen Center in building 458. Activities include tournaments, karaoke, crafts and more.

For more information, call 452-7852 or 452-7545.

### First aid, CPR class

The American Red Cross holds a

community first aid and safety course 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the Bitburg Annex Red Cross in building 2001. To register or for more information, call 452-9440.

### Tuition assistance

Military tuition assistance forms for all classes starting on or before Sept. 30 must be received by the education center by the close of business Monday.

Forms that are submitted afterward will be disapproved. For more information, call

the education center at 452-6063.

### Puppy kindergarten

A class for puppies' 6-months-old and younger takes place 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Oct. 19. Call the pet spa at 452-9362 for details.

### La Leche League

The La Leche League meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Bitburg Annex Hospital conference room. For more information, call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555 or Alice DaFoe at 06561-683893.

### Service Credit Union

Due to a computer conversion, Service Credit Union closes Sept. 22 and 29. Once completed, it will be able to offer more options to members and speed service, said Diane Blake, assistant manager.

### Empathy bellies

A two-hour workshop designed to give fathers insight into how it feels to be pregnant takes place 6-8 p.m. Sept. 26. Using certain techniques, fathers actually feel the weight gain and body image changes that occur during pregnancy.

To register for the class or for more information, call family advocacy at 452-8279.

### World War II society

The World War II Society Europe holds a membership meeting at 11 a.m. Sept. 28 in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center.

The agenda includes upcoming trips to Bastogne and Ardennes. For more information, call Ed Lapotsky at 06507-8292.

# At Your SERVICE

## SPANGDAHLEM

### Chapel

- ▶ Catholic Mass: 11:45 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday; and 9 :30 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Confessions, 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment
- ▶ Catholic religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Protestant Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
- ▶ Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
- ▶ Korean worship, 1 p.m. Sunday

### Commissary

- ▶ Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Main exchange

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Child development center

- ▶ Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### BXtra (shoppette)

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Gas station

- ▶ Monday- Saturday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Outdoor recreation

- ▶ Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Airmen's Attic

- ▶ Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Bowling center

- ▶ Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- ▶ Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to midnight
- ▶ Sunday, noon to 9 p.m.

## BITBURG

### Chapel

- ▶ Catholic Mass: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Catholic religious education: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Confessions, 10:45 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Protestant Sunday worship: 8:15 a.m. liturgical; 9:35 a.m. contemporary; and 1 p.m. Gospel
- ▶ Protestant Sunday school: 11:30 a.m.

### Child development center

- ▶ Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Commissary

- ▶ Monday, closed
- ▶ Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Shoppette

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

## Furniture store

- ▶ Monday, closed
- ▶ Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Main exchange

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

### Gas station

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Car care center

- ▶ Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, closed

### Airmen's Attic

- ▶ Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Oberweiss Annex

### Pet spa

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

# Tops In Blue comes to Spang

Four USAFE members tour with group including one from 52nd LRS

**SEMBACH ANNEX, Germany** — Tops In Blue, the U.S. Air Force's premier entertainment showcase, began its European tour Sept. 6.

Staff Sgt. Walter Campbell, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, is the sole Spangdahlem Air Base team member.

This year's program, "The Magic of Music," is a medley of songs with 90 minutes of non-stop entertainment featuring a unique blend of music, dance and comedy — all performed by men and women in blue.

The Tops In Blue tour schedule features performances at all major

installations and mission sites throughout U.S. Air Forces in Europe. The following are near Spangdahlem AB:

■Monday - NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen

■Sept. 21 — Ramstein Air Base

■Sept. 23 — Spangdahlem AB at 6:30 p.m. in the fitness center. The 52nd Services Squadron needs volunteers to ensure the success of the performance. To volunteer, call Jake Jacobs or Cravin Hamm at 452-7260, or Steph Clark at 452-7381.

■Sept. 24 — Buechel AB

■Nov. 1 — Volkel, the Netherlands

■Nov. 3 — Kleine Brogel, Belgium

"Tops In Blue has been energizing audiences around the world for more than 45 years. This year's show is no exception," said Col. Timothy Hanson,

USAFE director of services.

This year's tour includes three other airmen from USAFE — Senior Airmen Paul Libby of Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, and James Bowman and Ryan Soens of Ramstein AB.

This year's show features performers guiding listeners through a magical journey of Broadway, pop and dance music, spiced with a combination of love songs and a heartfelt finale of "God Bless the U.S.A."

The 2001 Tops In Blue schedule includes 125 performances in 20 countries around the world. The troupe's official Web site at [www.p.afsv.af.mil](http://www.p.afsv.af.mil) provides additional details on scheduled performances and includes information on how to join the team. (USAFE News Service)

## In the classroom



### BHS SAC meeting

Previously scheduled for earlier in the week, the School Advisory Committee for Bitburg High School meets at 3:30 p.m. Monday. For more information, call Catherine Crawford, student affairs assistant, at 452-9202.

### Yearbook committee

Spangdahlem Elementary School's yearbook committee meets at 1 p.m. Monday in the SES volunteer room. Anyone interested in working on the 2001-2002 yearbook is invited to attend. For more information, call April Franklin at 452-6881 or e-mail [franklin5@t-online.de](mailto:franklin5@t-online.de).

### BES SAC meeting

The School Advisory Committee for Bitburg Elementary School meets at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday in the BES information center. The SAC is an elected parent-teacher group that meets throughout the year to discuss school-related issues and act as advisers to school administration. For more information, call the school at 452-9215.

### Open house

Bitburg Elementary School holds an open house 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call BES at 452-9215.

### Child Find screening

Spangdahlem Elementary School conducts Child Find screening Sept. 28 for 3- and 4-year-old children who have a suspected developmental delay in language, social, motor, cognitive or self-help skills. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 452-5071 or 452-6881 after 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

# New car up for grabs in club drive

**SEMBACH ANNEX, Germany** - People who sign up to become an Air Force Club member through Nov. 18 will receive six months free dues and have a chance to win a new car in the 2001 Air Force Club Ultimate Membership Drive Sweepstakes.

There will be one car awarded throughout U.S. Air Forces in Europe and the lucky winner will have their choice of select models, including a Chevrolet Cavalier, Dodge Neon and Ford Ranger, as well as pick the car's color and various available options.

All existing club members will also go into a random drawing for a vehicle that will be awarded to club cardholders who were members as of Aug. 14 and are still in good standing.

"Clubs have become an integral part of Air Force life. They offer so much and there is diversity among the programs, menus and entertainment - so, there's something for everyone," said Col. Timothy Hanson, USAFE services director.

"Now is the perfect time to become a club member. New members receive a 'welcome' package that contains a provisional club card, free lunch and dinner coupons, a Member's Choice coupon and a special USAFE Club coin. Plus, each new member receives six month's free dues making this a unique opportunity and a great time to join the club."

In October, clubs will host a karaoke contest with one USAFE club member winning the \$1,000 grand prize. Chili cook-offs are being planned for October and November with a \$250 prize per club being awarded to the best tasting chili, he said.

The Ultimate Club Membership Drive has a goal of obtaining 5,000 new members in USAFE.

To find out details on further benefits, additional prizes and programs or to sign up to become a new member, contact one of the Spangdahlem Air Base clubs at 452-7494 (Spang Club), 452-6090 (Saber Club) or 452-9012 (Club 2012).



Staff Sgt. Tim Cook

At left, Bitburg Barons' split end Josh Blake rambles down the field following a reception. Above, Bitburg's quarterback Travis Carr calls the play while under center James Kahle as Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Spartan defender Kyle Wagner awaits the snap.

## SHAPE snaps Barons 10-game win streak

### Bitburg drops opener 35-27

By Rik Carr  
Bitburg High School football coach

In the 2001 season opener, the Bitburg Barons lost 35-27 at home in a nonconference match with rival SHAPE Spartans.

The Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe team evoked a bit of revenge on the Barons, which routed SHAPE 41-0 in last fall's European Division II championship game, by ending Bitburg's 10-game win streak.

While the Barons win last year came behind eight first-team All Europe players,

all of them have since left. SHAPE returned to Baron country with 14 returning varsity players to only three Barons.

Bitburg struck first following a Braden Blake fumble recovery. Quarterback Travis Carr and running back Josh Blake teamed up for a 5-yard touchdown score. Shayne Czyzewski added the point after try to put the Barons up 7-0.

Several miscues by the home team allowed the visitors good field position and they capitalized on it scoring three times to go into the half 20-7.

Adjustments during the half and a fired up Baron team erupted in the third quarter as running back Jeremy Ponce struck first on a 3-yard run. Blake later threw a halfback

strike to split end Tyler Romano. Czyzewski followed up with pass for a two-point conversion and the Barons were in the lead 21-20.

A fourth quarter surge attributed to the Barons inexperience allowed the Spartans to climb back into the lead. Bitburg tried to come back with Carr completing four strikes for 66 yards in two minutes leading to another Baron score by Blake. An ensuing outside kick failed and the Spartans hung on for the win.

In a fifth quarter for the junior varsity Barons, quarterback Demakus Littles guided the JV squad to a 12-0 victory.

The Barons travel to Hanau Saturday to play the Panthers. Kickoff is set for the JV

at 10 a.m. and the varsity at 1 p.m.

#### Bitburg-SHAPE, stats

Bitburg	7	0	14	6-27
SHAPE	1	13	0	15-35

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First downs	11	9
Rushes-yards	32-85	38-203
Passing yards	143	75
Comp-Att	12-19-1	3-9-0
Punts	1-10	5-16
Fumbles-lost	1-1	4-3
Penalties-yards	10-61	13-90

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING**-Bitburg, Blake 11-67, Ponce 9-19, Geoffrey Peele 5-6, Braden Blake 2-5, Romano 1-4, Carr 4- -17.

**PASSING**-Bitburg, Carr 15-8-1 84, Blake 3-3-0 59, Czyzewski 1-1-0 19.

**RECEIVING**-Bitburg, Romano 3-58, Blake 4-62, Chad Birnie 1-25, Ryan Thomas 1-6, Carr 1-5, Ponce 1- -13.

## Eifel sports world

### Sports Day

The 52nd Services Squadron sponsors its sixth annual Sports Day 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 3. The following events take place:

■ Golf - Nine-hole shotgun start at 7:30 a.m., four-person select shot format, morning and afternoon shifts.

■ 5-kilometer run - 8 a.m. for men and women.

■ Softball - Texas on-pitch format with a 20-minute time limit starts at 8:30 a.m., 10-person teams.

■ Bowling - No handicap, total pins for three games, starts at 9 a.m.

■ Basketball - Half-court, three-on-three games with a 10-minute time limit starts at 9 a.m.

■ Track - Events take place on the oval track next to the football field at 9 a.m., including 100-, 200- and 400-meter individual events for men and women.

■ Singles table tennis - Games start at 9 a.m. and go to 15 points or 10 minutes, whichever comes first. Play is in the community activities center.

■ Volleyball - Beach or mud volleyball, depending upon the weather, starting at 9 a.m. The 15-minute games take place on the court near the softball fields.

■ Bench press - Each lifter gets three attempts in four men's and three women's categories beginning at 10 a.m.

■ Doubles horseshoes - Starting at 10 a.m. behind the fitness center, the first team to 15 points or 15 minutes. A ringer is three points and a leaner or within one shoe distance is one point.

■ Tug-of-war - Starting at 1:30 p.m. on the soccer field with 10 people per team.

An award ceremony follows all events at 3 p.m. in Hangar 3. For more information, call the fitness center at 452-6634.

### Colorama bowling

The Eifel Lanes Bowling Center holds Colorama bowling the first Saturday of each month. For more information, call the center at 452-6217.

### Horseback riding trip

Outdoor recreation takes a two-day trail ride Sept. 22-23. Cost is \$175 per person 14 and older. Price includes two full days of riding, overnight accommodations, three meals, riding lessons and a guide. Call 452-7176 to register or for more information.

### Kyll River kayak trip

Outdoor recreation takes a kayak trip Sept. 29 down the Kyll River from the castle in Murlenbach to Kyllburg. The trip includes transportation, kayak rental, wetsuit, guide and instruction. Cost is \$30 per person 12 and older. For more information or to register, call 452-7176.

### Canoe, kayak the Mosel

Outdoor recreation takes people on a choice of a canoe or sea kayak trip down the Mosel River Sept. 30. Price includes all rental gear, transportation and instruction. Cost is \$25 per person 12 and older. Call 452-7176 to register or for more information.



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## Hail and farewell

### Saying goodbye to, from former CSAF

By Dr. James G. Roche  
*Air Force secretary*

The Air Force bade farewell Sept. 6 to a  
friend, an exceptional leader and a champi-  
on of Air Force standards and quality of  
life. We also hailed on this day a new chief of  
staff, selected by President George W. Bush and  
confirmed by the United States Senate, to preside  
over the total Air Force team as our highest uni-  
formed leader.

Gen. Michael E. Ryan dedicated more than 36  
years of his life to our Air Force — he sacrificed  
much and succeeded at all he did along the way.  
Our grateful nation and our superb Air Force are  
the beneficiaries of his exceptional leadership, his  
focus on improving quality of life for all airmen  
and their families, his innate sense of excellence  
and his dedication to successfully transform us  
toward a fully expeditionary aerospace force.

His legacy is a bright and promising future for  
aerospace power and all airmen on the total Air  
Force team, including our active duty, Air  
National Guard, Reserve, retirees, veterans and  
families. It has been an incredible honor and a  
pleasure for me to have the opportunity to serve  
with Gen. Mike Ryan. To me, he epitomizes the  
leader's ethic: my mission; my men; and only  
then, myself.

Gen. John P. Jumper, our new chief of staff of  
the Air Force, brings an impressive background  
and broad experience to the job of helping to lead  
our total Air Force team onward in this new  
century. Somewhat like General Ryan's, his  
family ties to our service extend as far back as the  
Army Air Corps. His experience transcends both  
the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, with more than  
1,400 combat hours in two Southeast Asia tours  
and two full assignments in Europe. Having  
already proven himself a wise counsel and  
superlative leader at Air Combat Command, I am  
truly looking forward to serving with General

Jumper in the months and years ahead. Our bright  
future awaits. Together with everyone else on our  
team, General Jumper and I will work to pilot the  
journey that will take us there.

On behalf of the total Air Force team, I bid  
fond farewell with profound appreciation to Gen.  
Mike Ryan, and congratulate and welcome Gen.  
John Jumper, our 17th Air Force chief of staff.

*(Editor's Note: The following is a message  
from outgoing Air Force Chief of Staff Gen.  
Michael E. Ryan)*

From my perch, as I wrap-up my final tour, I  
see promising skies ahead for our Air Force  
... because of you and your efforts.

Despite tight budgets, you've arrested a  
stubborn four-year readiness decline. You've  
made our transition to an expeditionary aerospace  
force work, enhancing stability in the lives of Air  
Force members everywhere.

Your feedback helped win Congressional  
support for many of our retention initiatives and  
the reestablishment of a full-benefit retirement.  
Your voices have been heard and answered with  
across the board pay raises and targeted bonuses.

You have made the personal choices to  
continue serving our nation, ensuring we're ready  
to protect America's interests around the world.  
Your choices, your efforts, your dedication, your  
sacrifices continue to build the premier aerospace  
power this world has ever known. My family and  
I have been proud to serve with you.

As General (John P.) Jumper assumes the  
office, he brings the deepest commitment to  
continued improvements in capability and quality  
of life for all our people. Together, he and  
Secretary (Dr. James G.) Roche will provide  
superb leadership for America's Air Force in the  
years ahead. Thank you for your selfless service.

## Letter to the editor

We would like  
to thank the  
Eifel com-  
munity for your  
tremendous support  
during our mom's  
yearlong battle with  
cancer.

Cynthia Kay Smith,  
a second-grade teacher  
at Spangdahlem  
Elementary School,  
passed away July 13  
in her hometown of  
Scottsbluff, Neb.



Jordyn, Stacia and  
Cynthia Smith in  
1995

The support our mom received from her friends  
and colleagues overseas was incredible. Every  
single day, she received cards, phone calls, flowers  
and most importantly, words of encouragement  
and prayer. These are the things that mattered to  
her. These are the things that made her smile no  
matter what the day had in store for her. These are  
the things that kept her spirits up.

Our mom was blessed to have such kind  
hearted, loving friends within the Spangdahlem  
teaching community and beyond.

Your generous donations allowed my mom to  
make improvements to her house and also paid a  
large amount of medical expenses. Thank you.

We consider you family and Spangdahlem  
our home, as did our mom. Now it's our turn to  
pray that only good things come your way.

We are so grateful our mom had such a  
caring support system in Germany. Words can  
never express how much we appreciate all that  
you did. We love you.

Jordyn and Stacia Smith

*(Editor's Note: The following accompanied  
the Smith's request to print this letter — This  
"thank you" is very important to my sister and I.  
The Eifel is very dear to us, as we are both  
graduates of Bitburg American High School.)*

## Direct Line

### Softball field restrooms

Question: I received a response Aug. 6 regarding my first Direct  
Line concerning the condition of the softball field restrooms. The  
following week, the restrooms were in immaculate condition;  
unfortunately, they didn't stay that way.

There was a squadron softball tournament on the fields Aug. 18. There  
was no toilet paper and the restrooms appeared not to have been cleaned  
since the last time I'd been there.

Again, there was a tournament Aug. 25-26 where teams from other  
United States Air Forces in Europe bases were invited. The women's  
restroom, in particular, was in shambles, hadn't been cleaned and was in  
worse condition since Aug. 18. Again, there was trash all over the floor;  
the sink was full of mud; there was no toilet paper, paper towels or soap;  
there was feces on the floor; and one of the toilets kept running and  
wouldn't flush properly.

I have also noticed unattended children playing in the restrooms.

I think this is an embarrassment to Spangdahlem Air Base, especially  
since there were visitors from other bases. In your response, you said the  
restrooms were checked and cleaned daily, sometimes more than once per

day. It didn't happen. The majority of the time during the intramural  
season, it was almost impossible for anyone to use them. Most people  
went to the bowling alley.

I really hope this doesn't happen again next year.

Answer: The fitness center staff has tried hard to keep the  
restrooms cleaned and stocked; however, they did not keep up  
their end of the bargain and for that I apologize. When softball  
season ended, the restrooms were thoroughly cleaned, locked and  
secured. Center staff dropped the ball during the two post-season tourna-  
ments and, because they assumed the restrooms were secured, they subse-  
quently didn't check on their status.

Because security and cleanliness have been recurring problems, they're  
pursuing having the locks re-keyed. They also established a schedule for  
the staff to physically ensure the restrooms are secured, cleaned and fully  
stocked.

As always, I ask all military and family members to continue to  
support us in helping to keep the facilities clean and safe. We, the 52nd  
Fighter Wing, only get one chance to make a positive first impression, and  
in this case we failed. I apologize, once again, for any inconvenience this  
may have caused.

## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More movie synopsis information is available at:

[www.aafes.com/europe/eur\\_mov/snop.htm](http://www.aafes.com/europe/eur_mov/snop.htm)

### Bitburg Castle

Today

#### Rush Hour 2 (PG-13)

Hong Kong inspector Lee and Los Angeles Police Department detective Carter arrive in Hong Kong for a vacation. No sooner do they arrive, and they are confronted with the biggest case of their careers. A bomb has exploded in the American Embassy, killing two U.S. Customs agents who had been investigating a money smuggling ring.

Saturday

#### Rush Hour 2

Sunday

#### Dr. Doolittle 2 (PG)

Dr. Doolittle's animal friends want more than office visits. They want to save their forest from unscrupulous human developers. Doolittle and company give the money-hungry land-grabbers a taste of real bargaining power wilderness style.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

#### Baby Boy (R)

Twenty-year-old Jody, streetwise and jobless, has fathered two children and still lives with his mother. He can't seem to strike a balance or find direction in his chaotic life. Inevitably, Jody must face his own fears of adulthood if he wants to escape the life of a baby boy.

Thursday

#### Crazy Beautiful (PG-13)

She's an uptown girl who has everything, but values nothing. He's a downtown boy with nothing but values. As powerful forces conspire to pull them apart, the young lovers must decide whether to run from their problems or make a stand and try to find common ground.

### Spangdahlem Skyline

Tonight

#### American Pie 2 (R)

The summer after their first year at college, the boys rent a beach house and vow to make this the best summer ever. As it turns out, they discover times and people change, but in the end it's all about sticking together.

Saturday

#### American Pie 2

#### Baby Boy (9:30 p.m.)

Sunday

#### American Pie 2

Monday

#### Baby Boy

Tuesday

#### Crazy Beautiful

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 452-9441.

# Local club helps strengthen German-American relations

By Marlies Wallen

52nd Mission Support Squadron Education Office

Everybody is welcome — regardless of heritage, language, age or marital status - to become part of the German-American Friendship Club.

Providing an opportunity to exchange common interests, exploring different cultures and strengthening German-American relations were the goals a hand full of people had in mind when they founded the club in July 1996.

Since then, the club has grown to about 150 registered members.

Club members take part in local events such as a Salsa Party boat cruise on the Mosel River, a wine probe, a visit to the popular Tongeren flea market in Belgium and more. During the Christmas season, club members try to hit at least one Christmas market.

More immediate, the club plans a sightseeing bus trip to Heidelberg Sept. 23 and there are a few seats still available.

Every first Thursday of each month, members join for dinner at different local restaurants. This is a good way to get to know the restaurant choices in the area.

One important goal of the club is charity. The club donates money every year to American and German charity organizations, such as the Operation Warm Heart or the local children's orphanage in Speicher.

As with many other clubs, the German-American Friendship Club has a board, elected by its members. The friendship club consists of both German and American board members serving as chairperson, first deputy, second deputy, treasurer, secretary and five extended board members. Board members meet once a month to plan new activities and discuss the outcome of previous events. A tentative six months calendar is established twice a year during these meetings.

The annual general meeting takes place in May. During this meeting, the president briefs on events of the previous year. The



Courtesy photo

**Members deck out in club attire at charity fund-raising event.**

treasurer provides a financial report for the year. Afterward, the old board is released and a new board elected.

For people who would like to join, the annual membership is 20 DM per person or 30 DM for couples. Youth 18 and younger pay 12 DM. New members, who join the club after Nov. 1, pay 50 percent of the dues for that year. Dues are collected in May.

For more information about the German-American club or on membership, call Marlies Wallen at 452-6063 or 06562-3241, or Gisela Traut, current club president, at 452-6172 or 06562-2464.

The tentative calendar for the remaining September through December includes the Heidelberg trip; a dinner at 7 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Restaurant Santorini in Speicher; a bus trip to Strassburg, France, Oct. 20; a traditional Thanksgiving meal at 1 p.m. Nov. 18 on Spangdahlem Air Base; a dinner at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Pizzeria Bella Italia in Kyllburg; and a train trip to a Christmas market.



## Out and about



■The Bad Duerkheim Wurstmarkt continues through Monday. The annual festival is considered Germany's largest volksfestival, drawing thousands of visitors annually.

■Enjoy wine and Mosel food specialties at three smaller wine festivals: today through Monday in Fell, Sunday through Monday in Koewerich and Sunday at the Mehring Winzerhof.

■The International Automobile Exhibition of Frankfurt takes place through Sept. 23. Go to [www.vda.de](http://www.vda.de) for details.

■Join the Eifel Wanderers on a three-day walk Sept. 20-23 in the mountains of Austria. The trip includes a sightseeing stop at the Neuschwanstein castle as well as plenty of entertainment. Cost is \$110 for adults and \$65 for children, including two overnight stays. For details, call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184.

■Join the Eifel Wanderers Sept. 29 on a Volksmarching 101 caravan trip to the nearby village

of Hermesdorf. Meeting point is the Bitburg Annex Chapel parking lot at 9 a.m. Cost is 2.50 DM for a start card plus extra DMs for food and beverages. The event offers a 6K stroller friendly walking trail, 10K and 20K walking trails, as well as 30K and 50K bike paths. The event will take place regardless of weather conditions. For more information, call David Westwood at 06561-18758.

■The artists Stephan and Verena introduce their work in conjunction with a festival today through Sunday in Dudeldorf. For more information, call the artists at 0162-6520207 after 2 p.m. or go to [www.STEPHANundVERENA.de](http://www.STEPHANundVERENA.de).

■Participate in the 23rd IVV Marathon-March of Ensheim, Saarbruecken, Sunday through Monday. The event features 5-, 10- and 20K marches.

■Shop at a flea market Sunday inside and outside the Dreys hall in Dreis; along the

Kinheim Mosel shore; inside and outside the Machern Cloister; at the Neumagen-Dhron festival grounds Neumagen; inside and outside the Trier-Feyen Flohmarkt Hall; at the Bad Kreuznach Pfingstweide Meados; in Bollendorf, located on the Luxembourg border; in the Koblenz-Kesselheim REWE parking lot; along the Vallendar Rhine promenade; and inside and outside the Hildesheim Markt Hall.

■A New-Pop-Festival takes place Sept. 20-22 in Baden-Baden.

■WorldCircus takes place at 6 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Trier St. Maximin Hall. It is a musical journey of people in the world featuring Sam Tshabalala & Sabaka, African jazz, Reggae and Funk music, ADESA Sankof, street dancing performances, juggling performances and Fair Play Tour d'Europe. Tickets are 30 DM for adults and 15 DM for children. For details, call 0228-2288123. Tickets can be obtained from the Trier Jacoby Drogerie (Trier Ticket Service).

■Trier hosts a farmer's market Sept. 29 around the Porta Nigra.

■The annual Trier Moselland exhibition, the largest trade fair of its kind in the region, takes place Sept. 29 through Oct. 7 at the Mosellauen fairgrounds.

Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in September. Children prices are for ages 3-12 unless otherwise indicated. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex Community Center at 452-9120 for details.

■Oktoberfest with one overnight, Sept. 22-23, \$179 per person.

■Oktoberfest express, Sept. 22, \$70 per person.

■Cochem medieval dinner, Sept. 22, \$65 per person.

■Oktoberfest express, Sept. 29, \$70 per person.

■Paris express, Sept. 29, \$89 for adults, \$75 for youth ages 3-17.